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FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1914.
 —Weather forecast for South Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday, without decided change in temperature.

Who is Congressman Britton any way?

Why not offer a practical business course in our high school next year?

Is it not about time for the Hon. John Lowndes McLaurin to come again?

Governor Blease has not been so cantankerous since the meeting of the Democratic state convention.

Apropos of Senator Tillman's recent speech, The News and Courier suggests the propriety of Congress adjourning.

Like the chameleon, the Hon. John G. Richards, Jr., has been a man of many minds, at one time a dispensary, then a prohibitionist and now a local optionist.

The Kentuckian who wants to be elected senator because he knows the constitution by heart presumably holds that document in higher esteem than a certain senatorial aspirant in South Carolina.

If Mr. Kelly of Bishopville should be so fortunate as to be elected lieutenant governor, we venture the assertion that no such suit of hair has ever graced the man who presides over the state senate.

If Senator Tillman believed, as he has recently reiterated, that McLaurin sold out to the Republicans when in the senate, why should he have suggested that he run against Blease for the United States senate?

Senator James spoke a truth which none but the enemies of the Great Commoner will deny, when he said, "Everybody takes a kick at Bryan these days, but with every blow he grows in the love of the American people."

Club secretaries should be sure to have members write their full names on the club book. For instance, if John Alfonso Smith should apply for registration, he should not write his name J. A. Smith, but sign the name in full as indicated.

The Chester News gives its readers this bit of advice, which all voters would do well to bear in mind: "The man who can shake the most hands, compliment the most ladies and kiss the most babies is not always the best man to vote for."

Mr. W. P. Pollock of Cheraw has a vaulting ambition which may overleap itself. He has entered the lists for the United States senate. If no others enter and Senator Smith should pass in his checks before the day of the election, Pollock might get there.

There appears elsewhere in this issue, as an advertisement, a presentation of Mr. W. F. Stevenson's qualifications for congressman from the fifth district. It is, perhaps unnecessary to say that The News is advocating no candidate for Congress, but will be glad to carry advertisements for any of them.

Says The Anderson Intelligencer: "We are stuck on Carranza's method of getting peace in Mexico. All might have been over had Uncle Sam pursued the same kindly, gentle, peaceful course of driving the greasers out with rifles." How much better, though, to let Carranza do it than for the United States to undertake the sanguinary job.

TILLMAN'S SPEECH.

Senator Tillman has not helped his reputation by his recent speech on the question of the Panama tolls. He lugged into it many matters that were foreign to the issue and is inconsistent in many of his statements. He lauds President Wilson to the skies in one breath and proceeds to criticize sharply in the next. For instance, he says, "I admire President Wilson very much. I believe he is entirely loyal to the public welfare and to the party's interests as he understands them. His patriotism and integrity of purpose cannot be doubted for an instant. Well nigh all the people trust him and most Democrats are learning to love him more and more. He will go down in history as one of our greatest presidents."

Now this idea of President Wilson was in the mind of the members of the state convention when they eulogized him by saying "Recognizing in the President the greatest moral force that has been in the White House during the past century, we heartily commend his efforts to secure the repeal of the Panama free tolls act, etc."

Yet Senator Tillman criticizes the convention for speaking thus of the President. He says, "It seems to me that this is much exaggerated and a milder and more conservative utterance would have been in better taste."

But Senator Tillman is given to criticizing everybody and everything that is not of the Tillman order of things. It was largely through him that Cleveland's administration was a failure. If he had stood loyally by Cleveland, one of the greatest of the presidents, things might have been different. But at that time "Brave Ben" was chasing after populist rainbows in the West and brought into play his now historic "pitchfork" to plunge into the "beefy sides," to use his language, of President Cleveland. The senator, in his excursion, resurrects his old scrap with McLaurin on the floor of the senate. Still he announces that he will stand by the President and vote for the repeal of the bill on the question of exempting vessels of the United States from the payment of tolls.

"WILL RIDE TO A FALL."

And now comes along Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who made himself infamous by putting shackles on Jefferson Davis when confined in a dungeon at Fortress Monroe, and says that Colonel Roosevelt is a history fakir and that he never discovered "the River of Doubt," in Brazil. He says, that the Republican party will give Roosevelt the nomination in 1916, but that he will "ride to a fall." This leads The Columbia Record to further comment on Roosevelt's alleged ride up San Juan Hill. Says The Record:

"When the people know the facts, just the plain facts, they will snow him under."
 "As a matter of fact, Colonel Roosevelt himself has recorded the fact that he was not on San Juan Hill at the time of the charge that made him famous. But his book was written some years after the event—after he had made the race for governor of New York on his reputation as the hero of San Juan Hill—on a false claim which he may not himself have uttered, but which he did nothing to repudiate until he had profited politically from it. He, of course, knew that history could not be fooled as the people had been, which robs him of any credit for setting down the fact in his account of the battle of San Juan Hill that he witnessed it from behind the big kettle on Kettle Hill."

Senator Vardaman, in his speech in the senate in opposition to the repeal of the act exempting coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls, went out of his way to attack the policy of President Wilson's administration. Like other Democratic senators, congressmen and politicians, Senator Vardaman was opposed to the nomination of President Wilson and now that he has been elected, is doing everything possible to frustrate all efforts to make his administration a success. Vardaman was at Baltimore, making himself conspicuous in opposition to the efforts of Mr. Bryan to free the Democratic party from the domination of Murphy, Ryan and the other parasites of Wall street. He, Champ Clark and others in the Democratic fold, because they cannot control Woodrow Wilson, are using all means to embarrass him.

A wise woman, well content with her present lot, is Mrs. Z. I. Fitzpatrick, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. In speaking this week at the Chicago convention in opposition to woman suffrage, she said, "I am against woman suffrage. Women's clubs of Georgia have had no difficulty in getting their measures passed by the legislature. We are the power behind the throne now and would lose, not gain, by a change. I am opposed to bringing the question with its attendant train of politics into the federation. Politics means dissension."

PAYING OUT OF CRIME.

A negro preacher of Edgefield county, in a letter to The Advertiser, after a killing on his church grounds, gives as his explanation of why there are so many shootings and cuttings at negro churches, "that nearly all the crimes that are being committed at our churches is by some one that has been bought out of crime."

This is an evil that should be corrected. There are a lot of trifling and worthless negroes who have committed any and all kinds of petty crimes, who, instead of being sent to the chalking without the alternative of paying a fine, are allowed to be paid off by magistrates. The consequence is that the fear of punishment is no deterrent to them, and they go to negro festivals, to churches, and other places, filled with liquor and deal out death and destruction with razors and pistols. If they knew that they would have to serve a period on the chalking for their misdeeds they would be more careful of their conduct. But as long as they feel that they can be "bought out of crime," to use the expression of the negro preacher, they will continue to do their devilment.

In this season of praise for our college graduates, let us remember those parents, who by self-sacrifice and hard work, have made possible higher educational advantages for their children. To them is due a "well done" for they have given their boys and girls a rich heritage which is worth more than land and money. We love to think of several notable examples that have recently been called to our notice of parents, who by dint of unselfishness and common sense, are giving their children a higher education, thus better preparing them to meet and cope with the problems which will soon be theirs to solve.

Do you believe in compulsory education? If you do not, you are one of the very persons who should have been governed by such a law. All who have enjoyed the benefits of an education, with the exception of peanut politicians, advocate compulsory attendance. If they are opposed to such legislation you may mark it down that they have reasons of their own for wishing to keep the people in ignorance. When you learn to discount their opinion you will be in a fair way of seeing things as they are, and not as the demagogue says they are.

We have received a communication dated at Greenwood addressed to nobody and signed by nobody, boosting the Hon. Charles A. Smith, candidate for governor. It states that "Mr. Smith, in discussing the situation today with a reporter for The Daily Journal, left no doubt as to where he stands on the live issues of the day." But we note that he is opposed to compulsory education and is non-committal on the matter of Bleasism. Therefore we have no hesitation in announcing that we are "agin' Smith."

It is said that the fourteen probable candidates for governor line up about this way: In favor of Blease, Irby, McLaurin, Richards, Sims, Mullally, Timmerman. Against Blease, Clinkscales, Manning, Brown, Cooper. Non-committal, C. A. Smith, M. L. Smith and Duncan.

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of Luther Bird, son of C. A. Bird, who died June 3, 1914. Luther has gone from our home never to return, but he has gone to that better land where there is no more sorrow.

We weep for him, while he is rejoicing, for he said he was saved.

One place vacant at our fireside, at our table, at our work, but soon we will meet him to part no more for life is but short here.

He lived only about twenty years, but he learned the joy of a Christian life and the sorrows of this world.

A voice that once spoke to us, speaks no more. Smiles that once cheered us, cheer us no more, until we shall reach that shining shore.
 HAWLEY BIRD.

PIGEONS TO BE LIBERATED.

Birds Will Begin Flight Tomorrow Morning.

Twenty-nine homing pigeons, sent here by the Queen City Homing Club of Allentown, Pa., will be liberated tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock by Mr. J. Foster Moore, official starter. They will begin their seven hundred mile flight home. More than two hundred birds belonging to the same club were liberated at Spartanburg last week.

A Correction.

We stated erroneously in our last issue that Mr. H. L. Blackmon, the young man who won the medal at the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, was a son of Mr. W. S. Blackmon of Stoneboro. We wish to correct this, informing our readers that the bright young fellow's father is Mr. J. W. Blackmon of Rich Hill, who has good reason to be proud of his son's success.

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From Other Papers

Everybody Goes But Father.
 Father is now planning his stay-at-home campaign for the summer.—Charleston Post.

Let's Keep Ours.
 The people with the best heads don't lose their heads over politics.—Greenville Piedmont.

The Only Alternative.
 Too many scholars in the school of the same political faith; some will have to go home or be expelled.—Chester News.

What Farmers Are Saying.
 Farmer Smith thinks that Farmer Smith can better represent the people of South Carolina in the United States senate than Lawyer Blease. So say a large number of other farmers, who compose the larger part of the citizenship of South Carolina.—Pee Dee Daily.

The More, the Merrier.
 The idea seems to be gaining ground that the campaign in South Carolina this year is not going to be as warm as that of two years ago. This, too, in the face of the fact that there are a dozen or more candidates for governor and plenty of candidates for all the other offices.—Rock Hill Herald.

"Sand-Patter" and Reformer.
 The Bleasettes are the "sand-patters." They oppose primary reform, or change in the manner of state government. They stand for the same old regime and conduct of affairs that we have had for several years. And we believe that the true REFORMERS are going to do some reforming this year.—Pee Dee Daily.

Always Lead to Better Health.
 Serious sicknesses start in disorders of the stomach, liver and kidneys. The best corrective and preventive is Dr. King's New Life Pills. They purify the blood—prevent constipation, keep liver, kidneys and bowels in healthy condition. Give you better health by ridding the system of fermenting and gassy foods. Effective and mild. 25c at your druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for all hurts.

On Confidence.
 Confidence! What a wonderful word it is! How much it does to make a despondent man or woman feel better. How often it has lifted a business man out of the deepest despondency and given him another chance. Say a helpful word whenever you can, whether it be to a child with tear-dimmed face or to a workman who has lost his job or to a business man who faces serious embarrassments. It will pay.—Rock Hill Record.

Good Roads.
 We may build schools and churches and to get the children into the schools and the folks into the pews roads are necessary.

Upon the road depends marked conditions, for the man on the farm must market his produce subject to the roads he has to contend with. This is no joke, but serious fact. The economic conditions of our daily life and the moral and spiritual advance of the community depend on the road conditions of the individual community.—Salisbury Post.

Men Who Need Watching.
 Watch the politician who is always whining about newspaper lies. When you look upon him you see a man who can do stunts that would make Ananias ashamed of himself. It is not lies he dreads but the truth.

Another you need not let fool you is the innocent who prates about conducting his canvass on a high plane, but is abused and vilified by the newspapers and his opponents. In him you behold the greatest mud slinger in the caravan. The man who really conducts his campaign on a high plane does not play baby and whimper about somebody hitting him.

Then there is the "friend of the poor man." Oh, how he loves the poor man—like a dog loves the boy with a beef bone in his hand. He will fawn upon the poor man, he will wallow before him, he will stand upon his hind legs, he will "talk"—for his vote. The real friend proclaims what he believes is best for all the people, though it may be unpopular for the time, for the reason that the people have not had an opportunity to study the question, whereas the demagogue pretends to believe whatever he thinks a majority of the voters want him to believe, or what he thinks by appeals to prejudice and their baser instincts, he can persuade them to believe.—York News.

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WHO IS W. F. STEVENSON?

Mr. W. F. Stevenson is running for Congress in the fifth district. Most newspaper readers know something about him but he has been a busy man and his contact with the district has not given the people of the district the intimate knowledge of him that they should have. We propose in a few articles to do this.

He was raised on a farm and worked in the field each year until he entered college at the age of eighteen. He read law and taught school at the same time and became an active lawyer in May, 1887. He was elected to the legislature in 1896, 1908 and 1910. He was elected Speaker of the House in January, 1911, and served until he quit the House for that time. On his election, one of the leading daily papers made the following comment:

"In the election of Mr. W. F. Stevenson, of Chesterfield county to the speakership of the house yesterday the expected has happened. The expected by us at least, although the result of the vote seems to have afforded surprise in other quarters. On the 18th of last May we said, 'We have before referred to Mr. Stevenson of Chesterfield county as one of the rising men in South Carolina politics. He has all the essentials for success as his career has shown. For the last two sessions he has easily been the leader of that body.'"

"He has never been defeated in any candidacy. He is a quick debater with an incisive manner, and a peculiarly attractive, although awkward, delivery."

The statement that he has never been defeated has to be now qualified, since he ran for attorney general in 1902 and was beaten by a small majority. The Yorkville Yoe-man said then that he was being urged to run for McLaurin's place and added:

"There is no doubt that candidates for Congress from this fifth congressional district would feel greatly relieved to see him in the senate."

The Fort Mill Times of January 30, 1904, after a visit of its editor to the legislature, said of him:

"Tall, slender and loosely made, with a thin crop of sandy hair, a

stubby mustache of the same hue and a head that appears none too large, one is not apt to guess the ability of this remarkable man. In all South Carolina he is perhaps the most forceful speaker and debater, with perhaps one exception and his elevation to the speakership was due solely to the recognition of his ability."

So now having left the incumbent quietly in office for sixteen years he asks for the opportunity to serve his state and the nation as a loyal lieutenant of Woodrow Wilson.

Having in four years reached the top in the House of Representatives and having also developed and shown increased ability in the subsequent years, both legal and legislative, we ask why he should not be given an opportunity to do the same in the House of Representatives at Washington? As a man says, who has been present at every session of every legislature since 1900 and knows Mr. Stevenson and the other public men of the state from personal acquaintance and observation, "He will put the fifth district on the map."

Look out for a continuation of this story next week.

(Advertisement.)

Consider the Hen.
 The old goose lays her egg and then waddles out without making the least bit of noise about it. She does that way simply because she is a goose. But when the hen lays, she dashes out and cackles all around the lot. The old rooster and the hens at once join in with her, and such another racket you never heard in a chicken lot. When a live merchant lays in a nice stock of goods, he doesn't act the goose, but goes at once and buys a good space in the local paper and starts to cackling about it. Presently everybody in the community hears him and joins in the cackling about his goods. This is why you hear so much cackling everywhere you go about what live merchants are doing. Quit playing the goose and learn wisdom from the more up to date ways of the progressive hen.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Heard While Skating.
 She fell. He ran to assist her. He picked up her muff and her wrist.
 "Did you fall, miss?" he cried.
 "Do you think," she replied,
 "I sat down for the fun of it, mister?"
 —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Draw A Check

for the money you owe and note how much more respectfully your creditors regard you. They like to do business with a man who has an account at the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co. They know he is doing business in a business-like way. Better open such an account even if your affairs are not large. They will grow all right.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY, located at Lancaster, S. C., at the close of business March 4th 1914.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$111,144.65	Capital Stock Paid in.....\$50,000.00
Overdrafts.....1,728.97	Surplus Fund.....1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,875.00	Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid.....6,994.71
Due from Banks and Bankers.....11,332.22	Individual Deposits Subject to Check.....50,643.79
Currency.....3,025.00	Time Certificates of Deposit.....21,540.39
Gold.....1,095.00	Certified Checks.....1,453.74
Silver and Other Minor Coin.....740.35	Cashier's Checks.....31.31
Checks and Cash Items.....314.75	
Total.....\$132,163.94	Total.....\$132,163.94

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lancaster—ss.

Before me came W. H. Millen, Cashier of the above named bank, who, upon being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

W. H. MILLEN.

W. P. ROBINSON, Notary Public.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of March 1914.

Correct—Attest: W. T. Gregory, W. P. Bennett, A. B. Ferguson, Directors.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY
 W. T. GREGORY, President
 R. T. BEATY, Jr., Assistant Cashier.
 W. H. MILLEN, Cashier.